

NO. 2023-6

AFFIRMING
Juneteenth / Freedom Day

WHEREAS, citizens of the United States of America have strived to manifest the ideals upon which our nation was founded, of equity in liberty and justice, for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, this struggle is fought in solidarity with all freedom loving people who recognize that the manifestation of these ideals requires continual vigilance and commitment to the fight; and

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1st 1863 was declared in this battle, but could not be fully executed until the western most Confederate State of Texas was fully secured by the Union Army 2 1/2 years later in the early Summer of 1865, on the date of June 19th; and

WHEREAS, this date further signified the final fall of obstacles to the Ratification of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, 6 months later, which officially freed the remaining slaves in the State of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has henceforth been recognized as "Juneteenth", our 2nd Independence Day, celebrating the Freedom for all people when there is equity in the exercise of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Golf Manor, in solidarity with the State of Ohio, has recognized by Ordinance Juneteenth as an official holiday within the jurisdiction of Golf Manor;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stefan Densmore, Mayor of the Village of Golf Manor, affirm and proclaim Monday, June 19th, 2023, as "Juneteenth/Freedom Day" in the Village of Golf Manor; and ask the community to join me, together pledging solidarity in commitment to the continued vigilance and active pursuit of the ideals upon which our nation was founded.

PROCLAIMED this 16th day of June, 2023.



Stefan C. Densmore, Mayor

ATTEST:



Paula Burgin, Assistant Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Robert J. Butler, Solicitor